Shorts) and Group II have been increased by 5 per cent.

(Ul) Additional 5 per cent quotas have been given for 100 per cent cotton garments made of handloom Fabrics in categories 334|634 (Mens and boys coats) and 351)651 (Pyjamas and nightwear).

(iv) In certain categories, additional flexibilities Viz. Swing, Special Swing etc. have been provided.

(v) All outstanding issues relating to the export of ghagras' have been resolved.

(vi) In order to accommodate some of the concerns of the USA, India has agreed to give a phased tariff liberalisation and limited market openings schedule for certain textile items at varying rates, for periods commencing from 3 to 7 years.

The increase in the base levels and removal of restraints on Cat 369-0 (other cotton made-ups) which comprises both handloom and mill made power cloth, would help increased access off Indian fabrics of mill made origin.

Production of hank yarn in cotton mills

139 SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is imperative for mils producing cotton yarn in the country to produce a certain percentage of hank-yarn out of their total production;

(b) if so, what is the percentage fixed in. this regard and whether it is a fact that a number of mills in the country are violating these instructions;

(c) what is the total number of mills Which are violating these inst ructions and what is the number of such mills being run in the public, co-operative and private sectors; respectively;

(d) whether any action has been taken by Government against the mills found guilty; and

(e) if so; what are the details of the taction taken and what is the nature of penalty imposed on the mills found guilty alongwith the number and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Yarn" for the purpose of Hank Yarn Packing Notification means yarn spun from not less than 90 per cent viscose fibre and | or 80 per cent cotton and does not include hosiery yarn, sewing thread, industrial yarn like tyre cord, multiple yarn etc., mixed yarn reeled off from cop bottoms of various counts and yarn abmprising single count seled of from cop bottoms having loose ends (or knots at short lengths of single yarn, and cellulosic|non-cellulosic filament yarn or metallic yarn. The expression "yarn packed for civil con sumption" shall, in the case of producer producing both cloth and yarn and in the case of producer producing yarn only, mean the entire quantity of yarn packed by him for sale in India. The percentage of yar as defined and meant above, to be peaked in hank form is 50 per cen in every quarterly period such « January-March, April—June, July September and October—December Out of 50 per cent obligation notles than 80 per cent of the yarn requir ed to be packed in hank form, shall be of counts 40s and below in regar to yarn containing cotton to the ex tent of 90 per cent or above weigh

(c) The number of mills violatin the provisions of Hank Yarn Packin

Notification varies from quarter to quarter. The number of mills which have stay orders from Courts or other competent administrative authorities, and number of mills which defaulted in filing hank yarn returns despite having no stay orders, sector-wise, are given below: —

Sector	Quarter			
	April—June'94		July—September '94	
	Number having stay order.	Numer defaulted without stay order	Number having stay order.	Number defaulted without stay order
N.T.C.	120	Nil	120	Nil
State Textile Corporation Units	Nil	24	Nil	25
Co-operative mills	1	48	4	45
Private sector mills.	20	375	128	358
TOTAL	141	447	252	428

(d) Yes, Sir, by filing First Information Reports (FIRs) with the 'concerned Police Stations against the defaulters.

(e) The Office of the Textile Commissioner is empowered to file FIRs with the concerned Police Stations against the defaulting units for prosecution under the Essential Commodities .Act. Thereafter, the matter rests with the concerned Courts. The Courts dispose of such matters within the ambit of the provisions of Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Right from the inception of the Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme till the 31st March, 1994, the Office of the Textile Commissioner filed 1.171 FIRs against the defaulters.

Development of handicrafts

140. SHRI IQBAL- SINGH; Will Hie Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on the development of handicraft during the last three .years;

(b) the steps taken by Union *of* India for the speedy development of handicrafts;

(c) whether incentives are given to the rural artisans to' promote handicrafts in the country;

(d) if so, the" details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor.'

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The total amount spent for the development of handicraft in the country by the Central Government under various plan schemes during the last three years, is as under: —

Year	Amount *Spent* (in Rs lakhs)
1991-92	2739.52
1992-93	2873.60
1993-94	3538.99

(b) For the speedy development of handicrafts in the country, the Government through Office the Development of Commissioner (Handi-